



City of Coeur d' Alene
City of Post Falls
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East Side Highway District
Idaho Transportation Department
Kootenai County, Idaho
Lakes Highway District
Post Falls Highway District
Worley Highway District

Cooperatively Developing a Transportation System for all of Kootenai County, Idaho

KMPO Board Meeting
August 12, 2021 1:30 pm
Post Falls City Council Chambers, Post Falls City Hall, 1st Floor
408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, Idaho

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order – Lynn Borders, Chair**
2. **Changes to the Agenda and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest – Action Item**
3. **Approval of July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item**
4. **Public Comments** (limited to non-agenda items 3 minutes)
5. **KCATT Recap & Recommendations – Ben Weymouth**
 - a. Recap of Activities – July 2021
 - b. No Recommendations
6. **Administrative Matters**
 - a. July 2021 KMPO Expenditures & Financial Report – **Action Item**
 - b. DRAFT FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Review
 - c. KMPO 2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests
 1. #13 ITD and LHTAC Request to Amend Projects
 2. #14 ITD Request to Increase Project Funding
 3. #15 ITD Request to Increase Project Funding
7. **Other Business**
 - a. DRAFT FY 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Review
 - i. Draft Table of Projects
 - ii. Publication of FTA Program of Projects with TIP
 - iii. Advertisement and Comment Period
 - b. 2020 FHWA Transportation Performance Measures (TPM) Update
 - c. Health Corridor Traffic Analysis Study Presentation – DOWL
8. **Public Transportation (Informational Items Provided to KMPO)**

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 - a. Kootenai County Transit Report – Amber Conklin/Chad Ingle
 - b. Coeur d'Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report – Alan Eirles
9. **Director's Report** (written report included in Board packet)
10. **Board Member Comments**
11. **Next Meeting – September 9, 2021**
12. **Adjournment**

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MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regular Board Meeting
August 12, 2021
Post Falls City Council Chambers, Post Falls City Hall, 1st Floor
408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Lynn Borders, Chair	City of Post Falls
Rod Twete, Vice Chair	Lakes Highway District
Leslie Duncan	Kootenai County
Jeff Tyler	Post Falls Highway District
Corinne Johnson	Worley Highway District
Darrell Rickard	City of Rathdrum
Jeri DeLange	City of Hayden
Marvin Fenn	Idaho Transportation Department, District 1

Board Members Absent:

Graham Christensen	East Side Highway District
Jim Kackman	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Dan Gookin	City of Coeur d'Alene

Staff Present:

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ali Marienau	Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Attendees:

Jody Bieze	Kootenai County
Ben Weymouth	East Side Highway District
Bob Seale	City of Post Falls
Dave Simmons	DOWL
Adam Miles	DOWL

1. Call to Order – Lynn Borders, Chair

The regular meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board was called to order by Chair Lynn Borders at 1:30 p.m.

2. Changes to the Agenda and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest – Action Item

Vice Chair Rod Twete moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Corinne Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously; there were no declarations of conflict.

3. Approval of July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Ms. Jeri DeLange moved to approve the July 8, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Darrell Rickard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments (limited to non-agenda items 3 minutes)

There were no public comments.

5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations – Ben Weymouth

- a. Recap of Activities – July 2021
- b. No Recommendations

KCATT Vice Chair Ben Weymouth provided a recap of the July committee meeting, noting the project updates for SH-41, I-90 Washington/Idaho state line to Coeur d’Alene, and the Huetter Corridor. KCATT had no recommendations before the Board.

6. Administrative Matters

- a. July 2021 KMPO Expenditures & Financial Report – **Action Item**

Vice Chair Twete moved to approve the expenditures for July 2021. Ms. Leslie Duncan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- b. DRAFT FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Review

Mr. Miles noted the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a federally required document, outlines the transportation planning activities for the next fiscal year, October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. He noted the 2020 Census Redistricting Data would soon be available and will be used to update land use, the travel demand model, and future growth projections. The Program also includes further planning and development of the Regional Traffic Management Center which will allow for better management of existing and future transportation system infrastructure investments. The draft UPWP will be before the KMPO Board in September with a recommendation by KCATT. Mr. Miles said the Board could request transportation-related projects to be added to the Program.

- c. KMPO 2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests
 1. #13 ITD and LHTAC Request to Amend Projects
 2. #14 ITD Request to Increase Project Funding
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Mr. Miles reviewed KMPO 2021-2027 TIP Amendments 13-15; no action was required.

7. Other Business

- a. DRAFT FY 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Review
 - i. Draft Table of Projects
 - ii. Publication of FTA Program of Projects with TIP
 - iii. Advertisement and Comment Period

Mr. Miles noted the 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) included projects from various agencies and totals \$289 million in Kootenai County alone. The document, which is currently out for a 30-day public comment period, provides a good view of what is going on throughout the MPO area. Mr. Miles noted the TIP includes a public transportation component. The Public Open House will be held today from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at KMPO. The draft TIP will be before the KMPO Board in September with a recommendation from KCATT.

- b. 2020 FHWA Transportation Performance Measures (TPM) Update

Ms. Ali Marienau said, in 2019, the KMPO Board choose to adopt and support ITD’s performance targets for pavement condition, bridge condition, travel time reliability, and freight reliability; the 2020 performance in Kootenai County, for each of the targets, was reviewed. As the focus is primarily on the National Highway System, there is not much local jurisdictions can do to contribute to the system outcomes. As required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the 2020 System Performance data has been included in the draft 2022-2028

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); projects with an emphasis on performance measures have been identified in the TIP.

c. Health Corridor Traffic Analysis Study Presentation – DOWL

Ms. Marienau noted KMPO had been working with DOWL consultants, Dave Simmons and Adam Miles, on the Health Corridor Traffic Analysis Study. Background on the Study was provided; stakeholders include the city of Coeur d’Alene, ignite cda, ITD, and Kootenai Health. DOWL was in attendance to provide an update on the Study; the update will be presented to the ignite cda Board on Wednesday, August 18th at 4:00 p.m. at the Coeur d’Alene Public Library. A virtual Public Open House will be held via Zoom on Thursday, August 19th from 5-7:00 p.m.

Dave Simmons, DOWL, discussed the Health Corridor Master Plan which was adopted by the city of Coeur d’Alene in 2019. The purpose of the Study was to review existing transportation needs, anticipated growth within the Health Corridor District and additional needs that may be required to address safety and congestion within the area over the next 20-year period; recommended improvements will align with the development of the Master Plan. The Study area, project scope, existing/future conditions, alternatives, traffic volumes/patterns, and three future scenarios (No Build, Master Plan Build, and Build Alternative), along with a comparison of the three, were discussed. Recommendations included signal retiming, access management, frontage roads, the Julia Street overpass, and Northwest Boulevard interchange improvements. Current tasks were reviewed; the Implementation Plan and Summary Report will be forthcoming.

Ms. Jody Bieze noted that she represented public transportation and said, although she was not a party to the agenda item, would be remiss if she did not comment that she did not hear public transportation/buses mentioned in the presentation, noting four bus stops were in that area.

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a. Kootenai County Transit Report – Amber Conklin/Chad Ingle

Ms. Jody Bieze provided and reviewed the Monthly Report and Updates. Fixed-route/demand response ridership and on-time performance were noted. An update on the Integrated Mobility Innovation (IMI) project was provided; they will be providing a beta demonstration to the KMPO Board and KCATT in October. A list of current projects was included in the Report.

b. Coeur d’ Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report – Alan Eirls

Ms. Bieze noted Mr. Eirls was unable to attend. He had asked her to report on their current driver shortage; she commended Mr. Eirls, saying he himself had been out driving.

9. Director’s Report (written report included in Board packet)

Mr. Miles noted the Senate passed the infrastructure bill; it is now before the House. A news release by Senators Risch and Crapo estimated Idaho would receive \$1.4 - \$1.7 billion, if the bill is passed.

A freight summit was held in Boise this week. Mr. Miles attended and said, people from around the state discussed the next update to the Idaho State Freight Plan. Designated National Freight Corridors in Kootenai County include I-90, US-95, and Seltice Way – SH-41 to Northwest Boulevard, as an urban freight corridor, and Lancaster Road – US-95 to SH-53, SH-53 and SH-54 as rural freight corridors.

10. Board Member Comments

Mr. Tyler commented on a recent newspaper article discussing transportation demands and the use of signage along SH-41 to help reduce traffic through Rathdrum; although signage along SH-41 would need to be done by ITD, the District could place signage at the Lancaster Road/ Greensferry Road intersection directing through traffic north toward Spirit Lake. He commented on the need and value of constructing the quarter-mile section of roadway between Hanley and Poleline Avenues and said he understood they were waiting on the developer. As the area had been annexed into the city of Coeur d'Alene, the District would be willing to work with the city to see what could be done to accelerate construction of the roadway. Mr. Tyler said he would like to see that as a priority for the District and felt it would greatly reduce traffic on Prairie Avenue. The Post Falls Highway District has a \$474,000 shortfall on the Prairie Avenue/Idaho Road roundabout. Mr. Tyler asked Mr. Miles if KMPO could assist in finding state and/or federal funding to help cover their shortfall, noting safety aspects of the project. The District would like to begin the Prairie Avenue – Meyer Road to SH-41 project as soon as possible; he questioned Mr. Miles about a possible start date/timeline for the project. ITD's recent closure of eastbound traffic on Prairie Avenue for the SH-41 project allowed the District to remove the railroad track between SH-41 and Meyer Road – without further disrupting traffic; removal of the unused tracks relieves school buses from the required stop, thereby increasing safety and reducing traffic congestion. A connection between Nagel and Greensferry Roads would provide an alternative access route to SH-53 and provide some traffic relief for Rathdrum; he suggested the city of Rathdrum design a reroute and seek state dollars to help with right-of-way costs.

Mr. Miles addressed Mr. Tyler's questions regarding the segment of roadway between Poleline and Hanley Avenues, noting it was a developer-driven project. The developer is aware of the need for the roadway and is looking at integrating it into the development. Mr. Miles addressed the suggestion of initially building a two-lane section and later widening it to a five-lane section, noting a substantial cost increase and the need for traffic control during the widening process. He agreed with Mr. Tyler that it would help relieve traffic on Prairie Avenue. Mr. Miles explained, when the road is built, it becomes a public road, which changes the terms and conditions of the operating environment, but said they can revisit the matter.

Mr. Tyler said, in addressing the Poleline and Hanley Avenue connection, he recognized the need for traffic control during a widening process but felt it was important to be proactive and address current traffic issues rather than waiting until the developer was ready.

Mr. Miles explained funding for the Prairie Avenue – Meyer Road to SH-41 preliminary engineering and design would be available to Post Falls Highway District on October 1, 2021. He will get back to Mr. Tyler regarding the other items he discussed.

Mr. Miles noted the ITD Board would be in District 1 next week. The tour will be held on Tuesday and Board meeting on Wednesday morning at ITD in the EOC room at 8:00 a.m. PDT.

11. Next Meeting – September 9, 2021

12. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, and with no objection, Chair Lynn Borders adjourned the August 12, 2021 meeting.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Signature on File

Recording Secretary